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WORLD CROP PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS CHANGE MARGINALLY FROM LAST MONTH

Region	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83 Proj.	
			Mar	Apr
<u>Total Grains (Million metric tons) 1/</u>				
World	1568.5	1625.3	1664.0	1665.9
United States	269.7	333.4	339.0	339.0
Rest of World	1298.8	1291.9	1325.1	1326.9
<u>Oilseeds (Million metric tons)</u>				
World	155.5	169.8	179.7	180.0
United States	55.8	64.3	70.8	70.8
Rest of World	99.6	105.5	108.9	109.2
<u>Cotton (Million bales)</u>				
World	65.3	70.9	67.6	67.6
United States	11.1	15.6	12.0	12.0
Rest of World	54.2	55.2	55.5	55.6

1/ Includes rice on a rough basis.

- * Total world grain in 1982/83 is projected at a record 1,666 million tons, up slightly from last month's forecast and 2 percent higher than the 1981/82 harvest. Higher estimates for Eastern and Western Europe and Pakistan more than offset a lower crop projection for South Africa.
- * Global wheat production in 1982/83 is forecast at a record 473 million tons, up marginally from last month's estimate and nearly 6 percent above the 1981/82 crop. Projected output for Pakistan and Eastern Europe has been revised upward since last month.
- * World coarse grain production in 1982/83 is forecast at a record 784 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month's estimate, but 2 percent larger than the 1981/82 harvest. Continued dry conditions have sharply reduced prospects for corn in South Africa and sorghum in Australia. The Soviet production forecast was raised slightly to reflect a revised area estimate, while production estimates also were increased for Western and Eastern Europe.
- * Global rice production in 1982/83 is estimated at 409 million tons, slightly above last month's forecast, but 1 percent below the record 1981/82 crop. The increase since last month primarily reflects higher forecast production for Indonesia.

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WORLD CROP PROJECTIONS

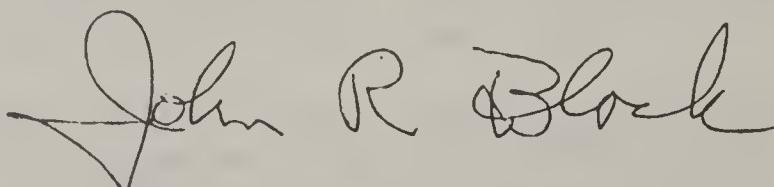
Estimates of 1982/83 world crop production are preliminary. For the Northern Hemisphere, the projections include harvested winter grain crops, and spring crops such as wheat, corn, soybeans, and cotton. For the Southern Hemisphere, projections include harvested winter grains and spring crops either in the filling stage or being harvested.

Crop projections for countries other than the United States generally are based on surveys, historical trends in area and yield, and analysts' judgments. Estimates of 1982 U.S. acreage, yield, and production of crops, except for sunflowers, are from the U.S. Crop Production 1982 Annual Summary report released January 14, 1983 by USDA's Crop Reporting Board.

This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, commodity analysts, country and regional specialists, and the staff of the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility. The report is prepared by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the Economic Research Service (ERS), and the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB).

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- * World oilseed production in 1982/83 is forecast at 180.0 million tons, up 0.3 million from last month's estimate and 6 percent above year-earlier levels. Upward revisions for soybean and sunflowerseed production estimates are partially offset by reductions in rapeseed and cottonseed.
- * Global soybean output is estimated at 95.2 million tons, up 0.4 million from last month's projection and 10 percent over year-ago levels. Most of the increase is due to a larger Brazilian crop estimate which was raised 0.3 million tons to 14.9 million. A larger area for harvest is now indicated for Brazil. Growing conditions for the crop have been quite good in the major growing states with rainfall during the pod setting and filling stages for the Rio Grande do Sul crop.
- * World sunflowerseed production is projected at 16.4 million tons, up 0.2 million from last month's forecast and nearly 13 percent above last year's. Upward revisions for the East European crop, particularly in Romania, account for most of the change.
- * World rapeseed output is forecast at 14.5 million tons, down 0.2 million from month-ago levels, but 18 percent above last year's harvest. India accounts for most of the decline. Official Indian production data resulted in downward revisions in the 1981 and 1982 crops by about 0.2 million tons. Consequently, forecast 1983 output was lowered.
- * Global cotton production in 1982/83 is forecast at 67.6 million bales, the same as last month's estimate and 3.3 million below the record 1981/82 crop. Improved prospects this month in the Sudan and Central America offset reduced forecasts for Peru, South Africa, and a few other minor producing countries. World cotton yields in 1982/83 are placed at 461 kilograms per hectare, slightly below last season's record but sharply above the average of recent years.
- * Published Soviet grain area data for 1982 indicate a total of 123 million hectares, which include 57.3 million of wheat, 58.0 million of coarse grains, and 7.7 million of miscellaneous grains and pulses (including rice). Because the final grain area of the 1982 Soviet grain crop was so close to the USDA estimate--less than 1 percent different--USDA is maintaining its 180-million-ton production estimate. The 1982 wheat crop estimate remains unchanged at 86 million tons. Since the area under coarse grains was somewhat higher than expected, estimated coarse grain production has been increased to 86 million tons. Concurrently, estimated output of miscellaneous grains and pulses has been reduced to 8 million tons. While the Soviets announced that fall seedings for all crops fell 3.5 million hectares short of plan, no figure has been released as to winter grain plantings, now estimated by USDA at 33 million hectares. The planned area for the 1983 grain crop has been given officially at 124 million hectares. As of April 4, about 15 million hectares of spring crops have been seeded according to Soviet reports. Barley and corn have been mentioned as the main crops to be planted in areas that require reseeding. Warm weather and dry field conditions have promoted early sowing in the European USSR.

WORLD WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH APRIL 11

United States--Temperatures continued unseasonably mild over most of the northern two-thirds of the nation with only Gulf coastal areas averaging below

normal. A series of vigorous storms brought at least double to triple normal precipitation totals to much of the South, northern Great Plains and East Coast states in March. Extremely heavy rains followed in early April over the lower Mississippi Valley with record flood crest observed in Louisiana and Mississippi and extensive flooding recorded in Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee.

USSR--After one of the mildest winters on record, winter crops broke dormancy in the European USSR. Snowcover disappeared from winter grain areas up to 2 weeks earlier than usual as temperatures were as much as 10°C above normal in some of the southern regions in late March and early April. Precipitation in March again was below normal in the southern Ukraine, Moldavia and part of the North Caucasus--the major winter wheat regions. As a result of the dry fall's effect on germination and plant development, significant areas of winter grains will require resowing in the southern and eastern Ukraine and the North Caucasus, where winterkill probably was higher than normal. Soviet reports indicate difficulties in the Non-Black Soil Zone of the RSFSR, a major rye producing area. These include late planting, ice crusting, and fluctuating temperatures which may result in near-average winterkill. Previously it was thought that conditions favored less-than-average winterkill in this area. Reviewing the season for all winter grains, it appears that winterkill was about normal.

Europe--Good moisture conditions continue for winter grains in England, France, Italy, and most of northern Europe. Recent rains in southeastern Europe reversed March's below-normal precipitation pattern. In March, winter grains over most of Europe began early spring growth, and spring seeding also was reported in many areas. In Spain, dryness further stressed winter grains.

South America--The harvest began throughout most crop areas of Argentina and Brazil. By early April, soybeans in Parana and vicinity were more than 50-60 percent harvested under mostly favorable weather. The cotton harvest also was underway in Sao Paulo. Locally heavy rain fell over Rio Grande do Sul in early April, but recent drier weather allowed harvest resumption. In Argentina, harvesting of corn, sorghum, first crop soybeans and cotton progressed with only temporary interruptions due to brief periods of showers.

Australia--Needed rains brought some relief to southern wheat areas where persistent drought has prevailed for at least a year.

South Africa--Showers came too late to benefit the drought-ravaged corn crop in the Maize Triangle. Coverage was not widespread and rainfall amounts were still below average for this time of year. Thus, while warm, dry weather favored harvesting, lack of sufficient moisture plagued crop areas where winter wheat planting normally begins in April. Crop prospects are dim.

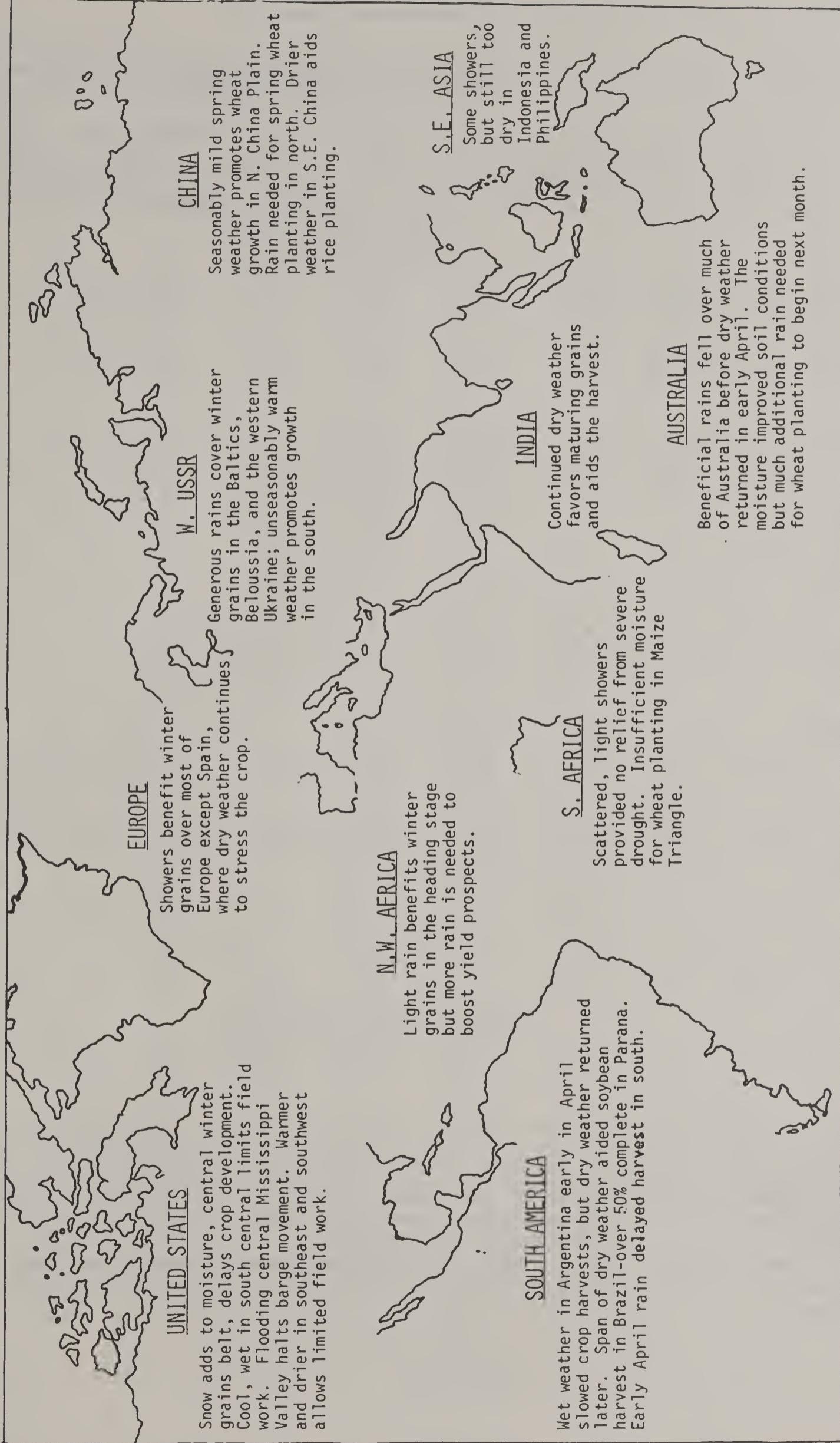
Northwestern Africa--Light, widespread showers aided winter grains in the heading stage in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. Moisture supplies are near normal in Central Algeria and Tunisia, and below normal in Morocco, western Algeria and eastern Algeria. More rain is needed in all areas.

South Asia--Dry weather returned to winter wheat areas in Pakistan and continued in northern India favoring maturing grain and harvest activity. Seasonable dry weather covered western, central, and south peninsular India.

Eastern Asia--Much above average rainfall delayed rice planting in Guangdong and Fujian and caused flooding throughout the area. Mild spring weather in March brought the wheat crop out of dormancy in the North China Plain. Some showers fell in southern wheat areas, but northern winter and spring wheat areas are dry.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

Date APRIL 11, 1983



World crop production summary 1/

1/ 1981/82 estimates are preliminary. The 1982/83 projections are based on surveys, trends, and judgement of commodity and country analysts. Where available, USDA Crop Reporting Board estimates are used for the United States.

2/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice shown above. Projected Soviet crop of 180 million tons includes around 6 million tons of minor grains and pulses not shown in total above.

World crop production summary 1/---Continued

Major regions and countries									World	
Middle East	Latin America	Oceania	Total for major regions	Other countries	United States	World				
Africa	Caribbean									
South Africa	Argentina									
Africa	Turkey	Brazil	Australia	Countries						
<u>---Million metric tons---</u>										
1.5	13.0	7.8	2.7	10.9	414.9	26.3	376.5	441.1	1	
2.3	13.2	8.1	2.2	16.3	422.0	26.2	372.0	448.2	2	
2.3	13.8	14.0	1.8	8.5	443.7	28.0	395.3	471.7	3	
2.3	13.8	14.0	1.8	8.7	444.9	27.9	396.4	472.9	4	
15.3	7.6	21.0	22.9	5.2	645.1	84.9	531.6	730.0	5	
8.8	8.1	18.4	23.4	6.7	678.0	86.8	515.8	764.8	6	
7.5	8.3	16.6	24.1	4.2	705.0	79.2	528.7	784.2	7	
5.1	8.3	16.6	23.9	3.8	705.6	78.0	528.1	783.6	8	
---	---	0.3	8.6	0.7	292.9	104.5	390.8	397.4	9	
---	---	0.4	9.2	0.9	303.7	108.7	404.1	412.4	10	
---	---	0.3	9.0	0.4	297.4	110.7	401.1	408.1	11	
---	---	0.3	8.8	0.5	298.6	110.8	402.4	409.4	12	
16.8	20.6	29.1	34.3	16.8	1352.8	215.7	1298.8	1568.5	13	
11.2	21.3	26.8	34.7	23.9	1403.7	221.7	1291.9	1625.3	14	
9.8	22.1	30.9	34.9	13.1	1446.1	217.9	1325.1	1664.0	15	
7.4	22.1	30.9	34.5	12.9	1449.1	216.8	1326.9	1665.9	16	
---	---	5.8	16.7	---	133.1	16.0	99.6	155.5	17	
---	---	6.9	14.4	---	146.8	16.3	105.5	169.8	18	
---	---	6.6	16.2	---	156.7	16.2	108.9	179.7	19	
---	---	6.6	16.5	---	156.8	16.2	109.2	180.0	20	
<u>---Million 480-pound bales---</u>										
---	2.3	0.4	2.9	---	52.4	12.9	54.2	65.3	21	
---	2.2	0.7	2.9	---	58.3	12.6	55.2	70.9	22	
---	2.2	0.6	3.2	---	56.0	11.5	55.5	67.6	23	
---	2.2	0.6	3.2	---	56.0	11.6	55.6	67.6	24	

3/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world total also includes copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

--- - No production reported or insignificant production.

**Totals may not add due to rounding.

U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production
(Domestic Units)

	Harvested area		Yield		Production
	1980/81 :	1981/82 :	1982/83 1/	1980/81 :	1981/82 :
All wheat	- - - Million acres	- - -	- - Bushels per acre	- - -	- - Million bushels - - -
Winter	71.0	81.0	78.8	33.4	2374
Other	51.5	58.6	58.3	34.5	2799
Rye	19.5	22.4	20.5	35.9	1895
	0.7	0.7	0.7	36.1	2104
				31.1	701
				24.6	695
				24.5	16
				26.6	19
				29.1	21
Feedgrains:	101.5	107.0	107.1	- - Metric tons per acre - - -	
				1.95	248.5
				2.32	255.0
Corn	73.0	74.7	73.2	- - Bushels per acre - - -	- - -
Sorghum	12.5	13.7	14.2	91.0	6645
Barley	7.3	9.2	9.1	109.8	8202
Oats	8.7	9.4	10.6	46.3	8397
Soybeans	67.9	66.4	70.8	49.6	579
Rice	3.31	3.79	3.3	52.3	841
All cotton:	13.2	13.8	9.9	53.0	361
				54.1	479
				26.4	522
				30.1	509
				32.2	617
					2000
					2277
				- - Pounds per acre - - -	- - -
				4413	Million Cwt. - - -
				4819	146.2
				4742	182.7
					154.2
All cotton:	13.2	13.8	9.9	- - -	---
					Million 480-pound bales ---
					11.1
					15.6
					12.0

U.S. Planted Area for Major Crops

	Wheat	Other:	Total	Rye	Rice	Corn	Sorghum	Barley	Oats	Total	Soybeans	Cotton	Total maj. crops
Winter :													
	57.6	23.0	80.6	2.5	3.4	84.0	15.6						
	66.0	22.9	88.9	2.6	3.8	84.2	16.0						
1982/83 1/	66.4	20.9	87.3	2.6	3.3	81.9	16.1						
1980/81													
1981/82													
1982/83 1/													

1/ Preliminary.

Wheat area, yield, and production: World and selected countries and regions 1/

Region/country:	Area : 1980/81 : 1981/82: ----Million hectares----	Yield		Production	
		: 1982/83 proj.		: 1982/83 proj. Mar : Apr	
		: 1980/81 : 1981/82: Metric tons per hectare		: 1980/81 : 1981/82 : Mar : Apr ----Million metric tons----	
United States	28.7	32.8	31.9	2.25	2.32
Canada	11.1	12.4	12.6	1.73	2.00
Western Europe	16.4	16.3	16.7	3.95	3.72
Eastern Europe	9.7	9.0	9.5	3.56	3.38
USSR	61.5	59.2	57.3	1.60	1.35
Cen. Planned Asia:					
PRC	29.2	28.3	27.9	1.89	2.11
South Asia					
India	22.2	22.3	22.3	1.44	1.63
Pakistan	6.9	7.0	6.9	1.57	1.64
M. East & Africa					
South Africa	1.6	1.8	2.0	0.91	1.31
Turkey	8.6	8.5	8.6	1.51	1.55
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Argentina	5.0	5.9	7.3	1.55	1.38
Brazil	3.1	1.9	2.7	0.87	1.15
Oceania					
Australia	11.3	11.9	9.0	0.96	1.37
Total above	215.3	217.4	214.7	1.93	1.94
Other countries	21.3	21.4	20.9	1.23	1.23
World	236.6	238.7	235.6	1.86	1.88
World less U. S.	207.8	205.9	203.7	1.81	1.95
Major foreign ex-porters 2/	40.0	42.8	41.9	2.32	2.40

1/ Totals and averages based on unrounded data. 1981/82 is estimated and preliminary. 1982/83 is projected based on surveys, trends, and analysts' judgement.

2/ Includes Canada, Australia, Argentina, and EC.

Coarse grains area, yield, and production: World and selected countries and regions 1/

Region/country:	Area	Yield	Production
	: 1980/81 : 1981/82: proj.	: 1982/83	: 1982/83 proj.
	: 1980/81 : 1981/82: Mar	: Apr	: Mar : Apr
	---Million hectares---	Metric tons per hectare	---Million metric tons---
United States	41.3	43.6	5.86
Canada	8.0	8.9	2.98
Western Europe	24.8	24.0	3.82
Eastern Europe	19.3	19.5	3.17
USSR	57.9	58.0	1.39
Cen. Planned Asia:			
PRC	32.5	31.1	2.59
South Asia			
India	41.5	42.0	41.7
N East&Other Asia:			
Thailand	1.7	1.9	2.0
W - M East and Africa:			
South Africa	5.4	5.2	2.85
Turkey	4.2	4.3	1.83
L America & Carib:			
Argentina	6.4	6.1	3.28
Brazil	13.1	13.5	1.76
Oceania			
Australia	4.3	4.8	3.8
Total above	260.3	263.9	2.48
Other countries	82.1	84.4	79.7
World	342.3	348.4	341.4
World less U. S.	301.0	304.8	297.8
Major foreign ex- porters 2/	25.8	27.6	26.0

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2/ Includes Canada, Australia, Argentina, South Africa, and Thailand.

Rice(rough) area, yield, and production: World and selected countries and regions 1/

Region/country:	Area		Yield		Production	
	: 1980/81	: 1981/82	: 1982/83	: 1981/82 proj.	: 1980/81	: 1982/83 proj.
	proj.	proj.	Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar
<u>---Million hectares---</u>						
United States	1.3	1.5	1.3	4.96	5.40	6.6
Western Europe	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.50	5.60	5.48
USSR	0.7	0.6	0.6	4.19	3.79	4.00
Cen. Planned Asia:						
PRC	33.9	33.3	33.2	4.13	4.32	4.64
South Asia						
Bangladesh	10.3	10.5	10.3	2.02	1.98	2.04
Burma	4.8	4.8	4.9	2.77	2.84	2.83
India	40.2	40.7	39.0	2.01	1.98	1.73
Pakistan	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.43	2.61	2.59
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N East&Other Asia:						
Indonesia	9.0	9.4	9.0	3.29	3.49	3.58
Japan	2.4	2.3	2.3	5.13	5.63	5.69
South Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.99	5.75	6.05
Thailand	9.1	9.4	9.2	1.91	2.00	1.87
L America & Carib:						
Argentina	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.49	3.57	3.56
Brazil	6.5	6.0	5.8	1.33	1.54	1.50
Oceania						
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	7.01	6.70	5.25
Total above	121.8	122.1	119.3	2.84	2.93	2.95
Other countries						
	22.7	23.0	23.0	2.29	2.37	2.43
World	144.5	145.2	142.3	2.75	2.84	2.86
World less U. S.	143.1	143.6	141.0	2.73	2.81	2.84
Major foreign ex-porters 2/	15.9	16.3	16.2	2.27	2.36	2.27

1/ Totals and averages based on unrounded data. 1981/82 is estimated and preliminary. 1982/83 is projected based on surveys, trends, and analysts' judgement.

2/ Includes Australia, Burma, Pakistan, and Thailand.

Cotton (all kinds) area, yield, and production: World and selected countries and regions 1/

Region/country:		Area		Yield		Production	
1980/81		1981/82		1982/83		1982/83 proj.	
proj.		proj.		proj.		proj.	
---		Million hectares---		Kilograms per hectare		---	
---		Million hectares---		Kilograms per hectare		Million 480-pound bales---	
United States	5.3	5.6	4.0	453.	608.	653.	11.1
USSR	3.1	3.2	3.2	965.	912.	861.	14.0
Cen. Planned Asia	4.9	5.2	5.7	549.	571.	596.	12.4
PRC							
South Asia							
India	7.9	8.1	7.9	168.	171.	171.	6.1
Pakistan	2.1	2.2	2.2	341.	351.	356.	3.3
M East and Africa							
Egypt	0.5	0.5	0.4	1011.	1009.	993.	2.4
Sudan	0.4	0.4	0.4	230.	412.	396.	0.5
Turkey	0.7	0.7	0.6	743.	746.	820.	2.3
WCP-4-83 L America & Carib							
Argentina	0.3	0.4	0.4	283.	384.	321.	0.4
Brazil	2.0	2.1	2.1	309.	308.	329.	2.9
Cent America 2/	0.3	0.2	0.2	951.	811.	776.	1.2
Mexico	0.4	0.3	0.2	965.	885.	963.	1.6
Total above	28.0	28.9	27.4	452.	480.	482.	58.0
Other countries	4.5	4.5	4.5	352.	351.	341.	336.
World	32.5	33.4	31.9	438.	462.	461.	65.3
World less U. S.	27.1	27.8	27.9	435.	433.	434.	54.2
Major foreign ex- porters 3/	7.5	7.4	7.3	731.	711.	686.	690.

1/ Totals and averages based on unrounded data. 1981/82 estimates are preliminary. 1982/83 is projected based on surveys, trends, and analysts' judgement.

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2/ Includes Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica
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Soybean area, yield, and production: World and selected countries and regions 1/

Region/country:	Area : 1980/81 : 1981/82 : proj. : Million hectares---	Yield : 1982/83 : 1981/82 : Mar : Metric tons per hectare	Production		
			: 1982/83 proj.		: 1982/83 proj.
			Apr	Mar	Mar : Apr
United States	27.46	26.86	28.65	1.78	2.03
Canada	0.28	0.28	0.36	2.52	2.18
Eastern Europe	0.50	0.48	0.49	1.27	1.09
USSR	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.61	0.52
Cen. Planned Asia:					
PRC	7.23	8.02	8.30	1.10	1.16
South Asia					
India	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.90	1.00
W. L America & Carib:					
Argentina	1.74	1.99	2.00	2.01	1.70
Brazil	8.53	8.29	8.50	1.78	1.55
Paraguay	0.40	0.42	0.40	1.50	1.43
Total above	47.50	47.70	50.12	1.65	1.75
Other countries	2.26	2.49	2.57	1.09	1.20
World	49.75	50.19	52.69	1.62	1.72
World less U. S.	22.29	23.33	24.04	1.44	1.36
Major foreign ex- porters 2/	10.67	10.70	10.90	1.81	1.63

1/ Totals and averages based on unrounded data. 1981/82 is estimated and preliminary. 1982/83 is projected based on surveys, trends, and analysts' judgement.

2/ Includes Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay.

Oilseeds production: World and selected countries, regions, and commodities 1/

1/ Totals and averages based on unrounded data. 1981/82 is estimated and preliminary. 1982/83 is projected based on surveys, trends and analysts' judgement.

2/ Countries included: India, Sudan, Argentina, and Brazil for cottonseed; Eastern Europe and Argentina, sunflowerseed; Canada, rapeseed; and India, Senegal, Sudan, Argentina, and Brazil, peanuts; Argentina and Canada, flaxseed.

Oilseeds production: World and selected countries, regions, and commodities--Cont.

3/ Assumes reported production for four States representing 97 percent of U.S. total.

--- No production reported or less than 5,000 tons.

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